The Southern Symbol

BY ALBERT PIKE. What, what is the true Southern symbol.

The symbol of honor and right,
The emblem that suits a brave people
In arms against numbers and might?
Tis the ever green stately magnolia,
Its pearl flowers pure as the truth,
Defiant of tempest and lightning,
Its life a perpetual youth.

French blood stained with glory the lilies,
While centuries marched to their grave,
And over bold Scot and gay Irisn
The thistle and shamrock yet wave—
Ours, ours be the noble magnolis,
That only on Southern soil grows,
The symbol of life everlasting;
Dear to us as to England the rose.

Paint the flower on a field blue as Heaven,
Let the broad leaves around it be seen,
"Sempervirens" the elequent motto,
Our colors the blue, white and green.
Type of chivalry, loyalty, virtue,
In winter and summer the same,
Full of leaf, full of flower, full of vigor,
It befits those who fight for a name.

For a name among earth's ancient nations,
Yet more for the truth and the right,
For freedom, for proud independence,
The old strife of darkness and light,
Round the world bear the flag of our glory,
While the nations look on and admire, And our struggle, immortal in story. Shall the tree in all ages inspire.

### UNDER THE MASK. BY AN OLD ACTOR.

The play was over! "Othello" had never found such an exponent, and the plaudits of the public could hardly be controlled. Repeatedly must the hero make his acknowledgments to his en-chanted admirers; and as he did so, his fine, manly face seemed to be suffused with intense joy; and well it might, for it was the first time that he had ever taken the chief part in the play as Othello himself.

For many years I had known him intimately, fyet I never knew his history; that was his own. My first feelings were to rush behind the scenes and congratulate him on his grand success.

"What!" said I, "are you not happy, too?" and I gazed almost thunder-struck upon him as he stood in dark, deep thought, and then wiped his hand across his great high forehead, as if he would drive away some troublous memory. He did not appear to notice my remark at first, but gradually he recovered his com-

posure, and addressed me in his usual friendly manner. "Do not be offended," said he, laughingly, "at my strange conduct. You know we actors are sometimes strange people. Our best friends themselves do not know our inner life. Nobody ima-gines that we have suffering and deep smarts, which we must always conceal from the world. We must often laugh when our hearts would break, and the plaudits of the public appear like deathknells to us. The public believe that we only play with suffering; that we only represent foreign misfortune, only give them a role which we have learned, with

more or less feeling, and that we only feign love and jealousy, hate and despair. But he who has seen behind the scenes, as I have, knows full well that under the assumed appearance there is the deepest earnestness, the most fearful truth concealed. They do not think that the laughing, fun-making comedian can feel the pain of his sick child within his own heart, or think upon his wife whom he must leave upon her dying bed. Yes, we often represent our own life upon the stage; we repeat nearly word for word our own thoughts; we feel the same anguish, the same pain, which we must ut-ter in brilliant words of poetry. And I will tell you myself the truth of what I have just spoken, which took place in my own experience. I was once an eye-witness to a scene which I can never for-An actor played the part of a tender father, who related the death of his beloved child; and he became so convalsed that he sank upon the stage dead. He had, in truth, lost his only daughter but a few weeks before. The public thought be acted magnificently, and the curtain fell amid the thunders of ap-

plause, on a corpse."
"It is terrible," I cried, convulsively.

he turned again to the subject which we had previously spoken of.

do not know," said he, "if I know the history of my youth. I will try and remember. I have told you, I think, that I am descended from poor parents, and I grew up surrounded only by po verty and distress. Like the Moor, I, too, belong to a foreign and despised race. Perhaps that may have enabled me to assume Othello's character easier. I know not. But I became an actor. My ambition has been gratified to-night. But I did not make myself. It was Othello. Othello is a part of my life— my existence—his love, his jealousy, his light and shade are my own. You tell me to relate my life. I will.

"After many early years of wandering in nearly all parts of the country, I found a regular engagement in the city of ——, where I became introduced to a splendid society of distinguished fel-low-actors, who had also engagements there. It was both a joy and a fortune to belong to such an establishment, and to be a worker among such representations as we had there. Every actor ap-peared to be inspired with zeal to do his best, and the public rewarded us by full houses and almost continued applause. For me it was really the school of my education, and I made such important progress in a very short time, that greater roles were entrusted to me, although I fourth act came tediously along to my question, namely: "As I wedded Mr.

much as he could, giving me every upon the table, where mine was also placed.

to develop my talents. The other mem-bers all showed themselves friendly and companionable. Especially did I feel drawn toward our manager, who was more distinguished for his culture and goodness of heart than for any brilliancy as an actor. Still I was fond of him, and he used to call me his son. He had a daughter also, who resembled her father in these qualities; and I was attracted to her more by her intellect and amiability than by her beauty and ta-lent, and she loved me with all the pure inclination of a tender sister. The family became dearer to me every day, and many a time I thought real earnestly of taking the good Bertlia home with me as my wife, although I had then but lit-tle real love toward her, and not so much

"Thus did I live, quiet and contented, in a circle of honored friends, busying myself in my profession, and finding myself, for the first time after my vagabond actor's life, in orderly relationship, among educated companions and good, amiable men. Those were happy days, and even to-day I often think of that beautiful, joyous time. But all vanished.

"One day a new actress was introduced to our company. I saw her for the first brain was fired, and I knew neither what time at rehearsal. I stood near her, and I would say or what I would do. I apreceived an impression for my whole life. | proached the bed. Auguste, for that was her name, combined the greatest beauty with an en-chanting pleasantness of manner and rare gifts. She spoke to the actresses of appearance was an event for the theatre.
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The public reveled and I fell in love with the genial artiste, and thought that the genial artists are the genial artists. I shad really found my ideal. I was much engaged then, and often played in the same piece with her, and did not fail to come near her as often as possible. My advances were friendly received. I that the public might not see the horrid soon'flattered myself that I possessed her tragedy. heart, and soon, she allowed me to ac-

closer and more intimate, and after a few weeks I considered myself the happiest but I felt it suddenly arrested. Before man in the world, as I received a kiss from her ravishing lips for the first time, and, heard the confession of her love. My happiness needed nothing but the blessing of the church, but Auguste put | ment of her threatened fate. He had off the desired day under different pre-

"Our intended union, however, remained no secret. I received the congratulations of my colleagues, who appeared to envy me of my brilliant con-quest, and the director wished me the greatest happiness, and not only renewed | ten by the dramatist, he believed that it my contract, but essentially improved was a mistake on my part, and therefore my relations. Only my good old friend, the sprang to hinder me from a supposed the manager, was not pleased with my failure. He little thought that his unchoice, although he appeared just as kind as ever. But in spite of this, a certain me from becoming a criminal, and, percoldness had sprung up between us, and haps, saved me from the scaffold."
of course I did not visit his family so "And what of Auguste? Where is often, as every free moment I gave to Auguste.

"But Auguste became constantly dearer to me, and my heart felt as if it could never attach itself to another. loved her with a warmth which I had never before known; it was boundless, and I trusted her implicitly. A doubt | danger to which she was once exposed. as to her purity appeared to me ascriminal, and my belief in her innocence was as perfect as in my own existence. And ing morning. My love was cured, but in that light she was looked on by all, at the cost of my dearest hopes and my for she had never given to the world anything which might be seized upon to her dishonor. The only opinion ever heard of her was one of the purest morality and modesty, and her beautifully sad eyes and child-like smile helped to in-crease the trust in her."

A deep heart-sigh came from the actor; a deep shadow of fierceness swept over his noble face; he paused awhile as if to lousy, and the curtain falls amid gloregain composure, and then continued:

"At last Auguste appointed our marriage day. My feelings then cannot be expressed now. I procured a house in readiness for us both, and felt a childish joy as I watched every article of furniture brought in, and was perfectly beside own Auguste to her home and making ing-horse on the temporary stage. "It is terrible," I cried, convulsively.
"I can now imagine your own emotion that seized you in Othello. But have you the jealousy in your own heart that you act out on the boards?"

He did not answer. Gently he took me by the arm, and we walked silently to his room. We sat down to supper, but hardly a word was uttered. At last

> voice nor myself. I knew no jealousy; I had never found the pangs of deceived love. And, indeed, when I 'came to the rehearsal of my part before the director, I saw that he was not perfectly pleased, ception on the boards. Auguste played her part of Desdemona enchantingly; but my own part was cold and lifeless in comparison. In the converted to the comparison of the converted to the convert I saw that he was not perfectly pleased, and looked forward to only a modest recomparison. In the course of the rehearsal, she encouraged me more than once to give more fire and passion, and sands, and is especially valuable to those especially in the celebrated death scene, whose circumstances in life demand ecomust really believe her untrue. But the gloves, put them on and rub them well way in which she said this put me quite with corn meal. This persisted in for a ont of tune, and first awakened my

I entered upon my task in the evening. | ing. The first scene closed without the least applause. I longed for the conclusion, for I felt deeply my own unsuccess. The was only a young beginner, and had not impatience, and at its conclusion Au-won the name which afterward brought guste came to me in order to give me an now speut, am I not, to all intents and isfortune. encouraging word. While she was purposes, a widow, and at liberty to "Our director was an excellent character of the she was purposes, a widow, and at liberty to marry again?" player, and he interested himself for ten role which she held in her hand,

"When the signal was given, she left me very quickly in order to attire herself properly for the death scene, and in her haste changed both our roles. I observed the mistake, and would rectify it. but a piece of paper which fell out of her manuscript held me back. I picked it off the floor, and threw a hasty glance at the, to me, strange handwriting. A fearful suspicion pierced through my soul. I read the open letter. Now could no longer doubt the unfaithfulness of my afflanced. She had deceived me in the most shameless manner, and was expecting a well-known infamons fellow to meet her at an appointed rendezvous after the theatre was over.

"I can hardly describe my thoughts. The Moor's nature seized me. Revenge was my uppermost thought, and I felt that I could act the Moor's part now, perfectly. The thought came to take deep, certain revenge upon the shameless being, and with this feeling I stepped upon the stage for the final act. I uttered the fearful monologue of Othello's, new, with truth; I felt a wild glow, and hardly heard the rapturous applause that fell. Indeed, I heard nothing; a bloody mist hovered before my eyes; my brain was fired, and I knew neither what

"I see that beautiful form still, an em-bodied ideal of all beauty and loveliness; she reclined comfortably upon a silk cushion. A nature so glorious and en-God's grace to her, and impressed us all chanting it was, as God could only once by her spirit. The first evening of her make so beautiful, I thought. But my passion now swayed my reason. I had

"The view of the unfaithful one in-I was alone with her, and nothing hindered me in carrying out my company her to her home and visit her. design. I had already seized the sharp "Day by day our relations became weapon, neared the couch, and lifted up weapon, neared the couch, and lifted up my arm to strike the murderous blow, me stood my true friend, the manager, who snatched quickly away the dagger from my uplifted hand before Desdemona, or rather Auguste, had a presentiobserved me narrowly, my altered mien, my sudden passion, my unusual wildness—the change in my acting had been remarked by the experienced man. He had sympathizingly followed my movements, and as I drew my dagger in order to stab Desdemona before the time writexpected appearance between us saved

> she?" I asked.
> "She went, like many others, to ruin.
> Her moral power totally failed; she sank deeper and deeper, and at last, in consequence of her irregular life, died a consumptive. I never saw her afterwards. and I do not think she ever knew the My only revenge consisted in sending the letter with my card to her the followmost beautiful illusions. Othello is still my favorite role. I love it as a mother loves her child. My misfortune developed my talents, and through Othello I became an actor. As often as I play that part, however, I am seized with the old feelings. The picture of that fearful evening stands before my soul. I feel the same inspiration of that dread jearious, rapturous applause.

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"Although I felt highly honored by this selection, yet I undertook the apwas the "same horse." The curtain fell pointed part with a certain reluctance, amidst roars of laughter. The next The character of the Moor was far from scene was a portly gentleman of middle me then, and agreed neither with my age, who was met by a young girl, who said. "Doctor, I am glad to meet you."

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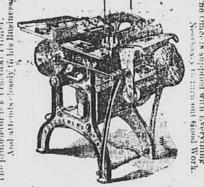
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